IN BETTER SHAPE OFFICERS

BAILWAY AGE REPORTS ON BAIL-WAYS FOR 1897.

No Year Since 1887 Has Shown so Sma Number of Roads or so Low a Total of Hallway Mileage in a State of Insolve ency-Compared With the Five Years Preceding the Number of Receiverships is surprisingly Small-Chicago Committee Formed to Oppose the Anti Scalping Bill-Other Railway News.

Chicago Dec. 30 .- The Railway Age makes the following statement of the receiverships and foreclosures for 1897; roads, or so small mileage confessing insolvency, while compared with the record for any one of the five years immediately preceding 1897, the list of new receiverships in the last year is tition we firmly believe she will win at surprisingly small, in respect to the the territorial contest. Quite a number number of lines, mileage and capital in- will go from here and about twenty volved. In 1894 no less than 74 companies, with 29,340 miles of road and a body. \$1.781,000 of bonds and stock, defaulted in their obligations and were turned in the contest at El Reno will be: over to the control of the courts. In 1897, the number of similarly unfortunate roads was 18, their mileage was 10.157 and their capitalization was less than \$90,000,000. The number of roads Hah! Rhue. in 1896 was 34, the mileage 5,441 and the capitalization \$325,357,000.

ANTI-SCALPING BILL.

Next week a committee of Chicago business men will go to Washington for the purpose of appearing before the nfitee in behalf of the bill prohibiting the scalping of railroad tickets. The delegation will be heard before the committee on January 7, and it is said that delegations of business men from other cities will be there at the same time. The members of the Merchants and Travelets association are eager to make a strong fight on be half of the brokers on account of a circular circulated among the members of congress saying that their stand in favor of the bill was not in good faith.

The volume of westbound freight tha is passing over the western roads is so great as to astonish the traffic officials There is usually limite traffic at this time of year, but now the roads are having all the trade that they are able to handle. The amount of business will cause an increase of earnings of nearly every western road, notwithstanding the demoralized condition of the freight rates both east and west from Chicago A meetin gof the executive committee of the Western Passenger associa tion was held today but nothing was transacted except routine matters.

It is expected that a general meeting of the Western Passenger association will be held in the near future to induce the Union Pacific to become a member of the association. The officials of that road have not been in a position to say what they will do, but now that the presidency of the road has been filled and with a man who is generally supposed to be favorable to associations there will be as little delay as possible in making inducements to the Union Pacific to become a member of the organization

MICHIGAN RAILWAYS.

Lansing, Mich., Dec. 30.-Sybram Wessselius, state railroad commissioner has submitted to the governor his anmual report. In addition to the usual statistical and advisory matters, the report recommends: Increase of the tax upon railroad properties, to be aclaw taxing all quasi-public corporations and not limited to milroads only; repeal of all laws prividing for a tax on gross D. C. carnings as being unfair to the propcrty of private individuals not having this privilege; all railroads should not be taxed alike, because their franchises tre not of equal value. In determining the value of the franchise the earning power should be considered, but for no

other purpose; payment of all taxes realized from corporations to the state treasury; a heavy penalty inserted in all tax laws governing taxation of corporations if the tax is not paid when due, so as to discharge appeals and long delays in the courts. THE CHICAGO RIVER.

Onicago, Dec. 30 .- A memorial to congress asking for the improvement of the Chicago river was adopted today by the joint committee representing the municipal government and the commercial organizations of the city. The federal government is asked to extend the channel from deep water on Lake Michigan to the docks and wharves along the Chicago river, with a uniform depth of twenty-one feet, for the purose of affording better facilities for trans-shipment between the railroads and the great lake carriers.

GREAT BRITAIN IN CHINA Perplexing Case of New You See Her, and You Don't See Her

London, Dec. 30 .- A news agency announces that the British naval reserves will be mobilized. According to recent estimates the reserve forces of the British navy number about 28,000 men. Of this number it is calculated that at least 10,000 men would be required in F. Mather, Centralia; third vice presicase of war to complete the manning dent, J. M. Pace, Macomb; secretary, J. all of the cash wheat had been taken in of the warships of Great Britain, which M. Bowlby, Metropolis; raliroad secre- by Letter and the liberal way in which the are understood to require a complement tary, W. C. Payne. Chicago; treasurer, May had been bought, led to a revolution in of 110,000 men, whereas only 100,000 are W. R. Hatfield, Pittsfield, executive feeling on the curb after the board had actually in service. The naval reserve problem has long been discussed by British authorities and the general opin- date, two years; board of directors: P. K. ion appears to be that the number of Walker, Rockford; T. S. Glendenen, Caimen available is far short of the number that would be required in case of war. In addition to the men in the naval re serve. Great Britain has a large reserve fleet and a number of reserve merchant cruisers including such vessels as the Campania, Lucania, Biruria, Umbria,

Majestic, Teutonic, etc. New York, Dec. 30.-Regarding the rumor that the British fovernment has decided to call into active service her naval reserve fleet, Bruce Ismay, agent of the White Star Line, when seen today said he had no official or other information on the subject. At the British foreign office surprise was expdessed at the report, inasmuch as Great Britain has a sufficient naval force to cope with any emergency that might arise in the east without calling to her aid the services of that Actor Stuke of the Stultz Theatre the naval reserve. The British consul here has no official information on the

subject. London, Dec. 30.-The officials of the Canadian Pacific railroad here say they have no knowledge of the British ad- the explosives on fire and they were miralty having requisitioned three of the Empress steamships belonging to that company, as reported in a special dis-patch from Shanghai, and they believe the statement to be without foundation.

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she will represent Grant county at the territorial contest. The following is a list of the contestants; Pair of Old Boys."

Elizabeth Patterson, Elm Park, "A Coco King, Jefferson, "Doom of Claudius and Cynthia.' ' Elna Boyd, Coldwater, "St. John the

Veva Walton, Pond Creek, "Bugle Song Harriet Dean, Jefferson, "Pledge with

Bertie Nush, Nashville, "Profanity." Miss King was dressed in Greek cos tume of white with angel sleeves lined with sea foam green. The dress fell "No year since 1887 has shown so few in symmetrical Grecian folds around her form and added to the graceful gestures with which the selection abounds. Seafoam sandals completed this elegant costume. Coco seemed at her best and although she will have lots of competeachers from the county will attend in

> "The Grant county yell for contestant Rah! Rah! We've come to win with our King, King! Whoop a too loo, Hullabooboo-King, King, King, Rah!

"All the contestants did well and are to be commended for their energy in making an effont to get to the top. "Between the selections the audience was treated to some fine music by the city and high school orchestras, an instrumental solo by Miss Maud Delzell and a vocal solo by Professor W. A.

ELECTION DAY ELSEWHERE.

Delzell.

State Associations Choose Officers and Pass Resolutions.

Topeka, Kan., Dec. 30.-At the meeting of the State Teachers' association today portant. the following officers were nominated: President, John MacDonald, Topeka; vice prdesidents, Frank Banker of Norton, B. B. Bone of Howard and B. D. Van Ostrand of Marion. Members of Kansas City, Kan.; I. L. Dayhoff of Hutchinson and B. B. Bone of Howard, Among the resolutions adopted was one approving of the plan of holding a meeting of the teachers west of the Mississippi at Omaha during the progress of the Trans-Mississippi and International Ex-

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 30 .- At the last ession held today of the State Teachers' association it was suggested that a legislative committee be appointed to consider questions to be presented before the next legislature. The suggestion was approved and the old committee was reappointed. The following officers were elected for one year: President, F. M. Stalker, Terre Haute; permanent secretary, J. R. Hart, Lebanon; recording secretary, Emma B. Shealy, Delphi. An ex ecutive committee and vice presidents were elected also,

Jefferson City, Mo., Dec. 30 .- At the last days' meeting of the State Teachers' ssociation the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: E. Tuckey of St. Louis, president; V. S. Holcomb Liberty, first vice president; H. A. Higglas, Liberty, second vice president; S. P. Bradley, Springfield, third vice presi dent; R. P. Deeny, St. Louis, fourth vice president; H. E. Dubois, Trenton, cor responding secretary; J. U. White, Jefferson City, railroad secretary; J. A. Mer-City was selected as the next place of but later recovered. There was no busiomplished by a general revision of the meeting. A resolution was adopted to appropriate \$100 to establish a national

> dressed the general session of the State Teachers' association. Mr. Sabin said the same progress characterizing industry and science should be sought in the public schools, and the best talent obtainable was none too good for Iowa seachers. He favored the employment of specialists. He said disastrous results in high school and secondary education was traceable in a large degree to defective work in primary and intermediate grades and he urged a thoughtful revision of the courses of study. This afternoon the following officers, selected at a caucus last night, were elected: President, A. N. Currier, Iown City; first vice president, F. E. Willard, Marshalltown; econd, Miss Carrie Parker, Spencer; third. H. Beereridge, Glidden: secretary, Miss Carrie Goodall, Carydon; treasurer,

Springfield, Ill. Dec. 30-Two addresses ed as follows: J. H. Collins, Springfield, president; first vice president, E. C. Rasseter, Chicago; second vice president, I. committee, David M. Feimley, Normal, three years; Mrs. Martha Buck, Carbonro; Mrs. Mary E. Sikes, Monmouth; Sam- from 20 c to Mist. uel E. Harwood, Carbondale. Resolutions were passed as follows: Petitioning the governor to give teachers representation on the boards of normal schools; endorsing the movement of the Lincoln Monument association to make February 12 National Lincoln day; eliminating all regard for politics, especially in county superintendent's office: favoring any movement for better schools and urging the legislati evcommittee to formulate a plan to bring the matter before the next general assembly: favoring a change in the state revenue laws, and recommend-

ing statutory amendment. Salt Lake, Ulah, Dec. 30 .- A special to the Tribune from Manti, Utah, says company was badly burned and his wife 3 probably fatally burned this afternoon. Stultz was preparing colored fireworks in his room to be used in the play when by accident a spark from the stove set both badly burned before they could es

cape from their room.

STOCK MARKET REMARKABLY NAR-ROW AND IRREGULAR.

Dealings Limited and. Such as They are, Absorbed by the Highly Speculative Se corities, Uniy Professional Room Trad Note in Securities of Local Corporations -Feature of the Day is the Great Strength of the Foreign Exchange Market-Bonds Firm.

New York, Dec. 30 .- Today's stock market was remarkably narrow and irregular, the highly speculative securities absorbing practically the whole of the limited dealings, in which no one but professional room-traders took any part. There was no reflection of any news in the course of prices. There was evidence of large realizing in some of the securities of local corporations which, however, recently have been advanced by the buying of a combination of interests. But the declines thus induced in these stocks invited buying again and restored the earlier losses, in some cases "Grant county, Grant county, Rah! carrying them essentially above the previous level. Metropolitan Street Railway was the most conspicuous in the group, moving over a range of over three points. Manhaotan moved less extensively in sympathy. Consolidated Gas fell three points on the admission of the attempted local gas combination, but clovering of shorts brought it back to last night's close. The other specialties moved with equal irregularity and the changes of the day are small. Pennsylvania enjoyed the benefit of current reports of heavy earnings by that company and touched 15, but reacted on profit-taking. Of stocks not usually active, Mobile and Ohio and Buffalo, Rochester and Pfttsburg, came into prominence by reason of advances of 2 points each. Otherwise changes were unim-

A feature of the day in Wall Street was the great strength of the foreign exchange market, actual rates for trading advancing 3-8691-2 all around. There is still some demand to satisfy for reexecutive committee: L: L: Hamils of mittances to Europe in payment of dividends and interest on American securities held abroad coming due at the first of the year. Exchange bankers attribute the strength of today's market to an investment demand and the investment they say is based on prospects of cheaper local rates for money.

A fall in the local rates for money outd lead to renewal to tending of credits abroad. Nevertheless there was no evidence of softening in today's money market, no loans being reported at less than 31-2 per cent and others being mode at 4 per cent. The subtreasury was a debtor at the clearing house again today to the extent of over \$1,000,000 and the repletion of the money market from that quarter is expected to continue until after the end of the year. Total sales of stocks today 162,400

BONDS. Transactions in bonds were not on a large scale but prices were firmly held. Total sales \$1.675,000. United States twos. rose 1-2 bid; the fives coupon 3-8 and the new fours 1-8. New fours registered new fours 1-8. New fours registered and coupon 127 7-8; fours 112 1-4; coupon 114 1-2; twos 99 1-2; fives registered and coupon 114; Pacific sixes of '98 1031-4.

FOREIGN STOCKS. New York, Dec. 30.-The Evening Post's London financial cablegram says: "The stock markets were quiet and rill, Kansas City, treasurer. Jefferson firm. Americans had a dull opening. but later recovered. There was no busi-ness anywhere. Three months treasury ferior to prime lots, with sales mostly at demand for open market having slack-

ened considerably. LOANS AND EXCHANGE. New York, Dec. 30.-Money on call nominally at 364 per cent. Prime mercantile paper 31-26743-4 per cent. Sterling exchange strong with actual business in bankers bill at \$4.84 1-2663-4 for demand and \$4.81 3-4@4.82 for sixty days. Posted rates \$4.821-2@4.86; commercial bills \$4.81. Silver certificates 56 3-4@58; bar silver 57 3-8; Mexican dollars 46 1-4.

TREASURY STATEMENT. Washington, Dec. 30 .- Today's statement of the condition of the treasury shows: Available cash balance \$250,721,-

LEI TER DEAL'S LAST DAY

have been delivered about 9,000,000 bushels of wheat, if anything like the recent rate were delivered today at the Illinois of wheat, if anything like the recent rate of increase in stocks of contract wheat holds good tomorrow. Today's action of Native muttens \$1,0094.50; lambs \$5,0095.75 F. Louis Soldan, St. Louis, spoke on the market and the enormous purchases of "The Teaching of Morality in the Pub-"The Teaching of Morality in the Pub. December by the Letter brokers seems lie Schools." President Joan H. Finley proof that there is no December shoring. of Knex College, Galesburg, also spoke now outstanding. It was this fact as much on the same subject. Officers were elect. as anything else that made the trade bearish, despitea very bullish array of news for the day. It is generally expected that the great deal will be wound up without the sensations that were looked for earlier in the month. The plucky manner in which closed. The report was current that the British had called out their naval reserves and the news threw the bears into a pan'd The May pricewas rushed up from 60 ke to 93%c, while "calls" were frantically bid up

GRAIN AND PRODUCE MARKETS

The following official range of prices on grain and provicions at Chicago is furnish-ed by the Christie-Street Commission Co., Board of Trade Room, Sedgwick Block, Wichita, Kan.:

Articles Wheat	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Close yestd'y
May%	56	56 92%	94 91%	90%	961
Dec	27% P\$6%	27% 29%	27 29%	27 25%	27% 25%
Oats: Dec May2	12	23 25%	22% 33%	27% 27%	25% 25%
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CHICAGO CAR LOTS. Today, Grade, Tomorrow, 160 47 181 475 182 191 221

NAMED STOCKS AND BONDS Chicago, Dec. 30.—Cash wheat—No. 2 red. Signific. No. 2 do. 885/90c; No. 2 spring, 886-88c; No. 3 do. 89780c; No. 2 hard winter, 88 6880c; No. 3 82888c; No. 1 new spring, 91

Cash corn—No. 2, 274,634c; No. 3, 234,627c. Cash Oats—No. 2, 236,234c; No. 3, 216,224c. Cash flax—\$1.1514; northwest \$1,214; Desember \$1,115; May \$1,115. Recorpts today—Wheat 160 cars; corn \$40 Receipts today—Wheat 160 cars; corn 540 cars; cats 42 cars. Estimated car lots to-morrow—Wheat Il5 cars; corn 65 cars; oats 52 cars. Minneapolls receipts of wheat to-day 40 cars. day, 411 cars.

Chicago, Dec. 20.—Butter—Firm; creameries 15@21c; dairies 12@18c.
Eggs—Firm, fresh, 22c.
Dressed poultry—Steady; turkeys 9@10c; chickens 51@66c; ducks 6@7c. KANSAS CITY

Kansas Chy, Dec. 30.—Wheat—Receipts 68 cars. Slow, hard 1911½c lower; soft negisetted, nominally lower; No. 1 hard, &c; No. 2. 8246886; No. 3. 7346821½c; No. 4. 774673c; No. 1 red, 90c; No. 2, 89c; No. 3, 78673c. Corn-Firm, active, No. 2 m'xed 24621460 Oats-Slow, Unchanged; No. 2 white

Outs—Slow, Cachanged; No. 2 white, 234,66234.
Rys—No. 2, 44c.
Hay—Active, firm; choicetimothy \$5.506
Et:; choice prairie \$7.5067.73.
Butter—Supplies liberal; creamery 17619c; dairy 13615c.
Eggs—Firm, fresh 19c; storage 11613c.

ST. LOUIS St. Louis, Dec. 29.—Receipts—Flour 4,000; theat 20,000; corn 133,000; oats 24,000. Shipments—Flour 2,000; wheat 12,000; corn 139,000; oats 19,000

Flour-Quiet and easy.
Wheat-Lower, closing 114c below yester-ay. No. 2 red cash, 55c elevator; 263954c rack. Dec. 55%c; Jan. 92c bid; May 94%c; July 395c.

Corn was a fraction off at close. No. 2 cash, 354c; Dec. 354c bid; Jan 354c; May 275c; July 254c. Oats-Easy and a shade off; No. 2 cash, 25c elevator; 234c track, Dec. 25c; May

Rye-Quiet, 4514c. Flaxseed-Better, \$1.1514. Hay-Dull, Butter-Quiet, creamery 17822c; dairy

Pork-Standard mess \$8.75. Lard-Prime steam \$4.45; choice \$4.52%. NEW YORK. New York, Dec. 30.—Flour—Receipts 5..-28 bbls.; exports 27.791 bbls. Dull, easy and lower to sell; Minnesota patents \$3.1055.49; winter patents \$1.8065.15; winter straights \$4.2064.65.

Wheat-Receipts 135.050 bushels: exports Wheat—Receipts 135,650 bushels; exports 51,757 bushels. Spot—Weak; No. 2 red, 11,004. Options closed 14,61c net lower, No. 2 red May, 856,53 15-16c, closed 35½c. Core-Receipts 20,225 bushels. Exports 262,566 bushels; suct easy; No. 2, 2514c. Options closed parity ½c net higher. May 314,634 15-16c; closed 35%c. Oats—Receipts 182,000 bushels; exports 182,403 bashels. Spot bulk No. 2, 255c. Onto

California dried fruits-Quiet, Evaporated appies, common 507c; prime wire tray, 84c; wood dried, prime, 814884c; choice 854884c; fancy 8994c; prunes 308c; apri-cots royal 798c; Moor Park, 9990c; peaches, unpecied, 7610c; pecied, 12620c. Butter-Receipts 3,500 packages. Firms western creamery 15622c; Elgins 22c; fac-

tory 12915c.
Eggs-Receipts 7,798 packages, Firm; state and Pennsylvania 229254c western New York, Dec. 29-The grain and pro-rision exchange will be closed Jan. L.

LIVERPOOL. Liverpool, Dec. 32.-Wheat-Spot No. 1, red northern spring, steady, 7s 10d.

LIVE STOCK MARKETS

CHICAGO.

Chicago, Dec. 30.—With an active demand for cattle today, prices were steady for the great part of the supply, and strong to 10 cents higher for better grades. Sales to 10 cents higher for better grades. Sales 6 13-16. Net receipts 738; gross 972. Ex-

Therewas an active demand for hogs, and October 6.11.

lees were strong early, gathering ength later. The late sales were largely strength later. The late sales were largely at an advance of 2½c and the market closed strong. Theday's sales were largely at 25.0000.20, prime butcher weights selling up to 35.55, while heavy packing lots brought \$1.2000.25. Prices for hogs and lambs were steady, as a trile.

teachers headquarters at Washington, D. C.

Des Moines, Ia., Dec. 30.—Retiring State Superintendent Sabin today adsoluted in the market at 21-2. It is expected that a fair amount of gold will go into the bank tomorrow. Australian sold at \$1.264.75. Heavy sheep were neg-Receipts—Cattle 7,500; hogs 25,000; sheep prices 10015 points not lower. Sales 12,750 hags; including March 6,0005.05. Spot cef-13,000.

KANSAS CITY.

KA tive steers \$3.0064.90; native cows and facifiers \$1.5064.90; stockers and feeders \$2.25 (94.40; bulls \$2.5063.25.

Hogs.—Receipts 15,000. Market active and strong. Bulk of sales \$2.5568.45; heavies \$3.3063.474; lights \$3.2563.45; yorkers \$3.4063.45; heavies \$3.5063.774; lights \$3.2563.45; yorkers \$3.4063.45; heavies \$3.4063.774; lights \$3.2563.45; yorkers \$3.4063.45; heavies \$3.4063

stronger.

Miss Carrie Goodall, Carydon; treasurer,
G. W. Lampen, Cedar Falls; members of
the educational council, S. G. Dick,
Charles City; W. C. Vanless, Denison;
member of the executive committee, W.
G. Chevalier, Red Oak, Marshalltown is
working to secure the next meeting. Des
Moines is also in the field.

Springfield, Ill. Dec. 30—Two addresses

-Receipts 1,600, Market

WICHITA MARKETS.

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REPRESENTATIVE SALES. Av. Wt. Price COWS 1255
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Fonders 855 Shippers.

J. S. Greenwade of Hunnewell had in four and sheep. Shippers.

cars of cattle.
William Johnston of Attica was here with Frank Springer of Alva, O. T., had one ar of hogs here.

J. J. Houston of Ponca City, O. T., had up Artic & Successive car of hogs.

E. B. Wentherly & Co. of Emid had up one car of hogs.

Humphrey Bros. of Kingfisher had one car of nogs on the market.

J. S. Krobiauch of Colwich had in one w. McCermick of Burrton had down York and Kansas City, ton Bank of Burrion had one car of

Railway Men and Travelers Rely

A. M. Barnum, Chronicle Building, San Francisco, Pacific Coast Agent of the Queen and Crescent Route, and formerly



a prominent business man of Buffalo, N. Y., says: "Munyon's Rheumatism Cure cured me and also several of my friends to whom I gave some of that great remedy. Before your agency was established on the coast I was compelled to send East for supplies of your remedies, and have always kept them on hand for the benefit of myself and friends. I carry a pocket case in my valise when traveling in case any of my chance acquaintances should need assistance. I have frequently given away some of the remedies to people in distress. I have great faith in Munyon's remedies."

Rheumatism is known as the stubbornest of diseases. It will not succumb to any kind of medicine except the right kind. Munyon has the right kind, and cures ninety-six per cent. of all cases submitted to his treatment. Munyon's Rheumatism Cure is guaranteed to be absolutely harmless and a strong tonic in building up the weak and deblittated.

Prof. Munyon puts up a separate cure for each disease. At all druggists, mostly 25 cents a vial. Personal letters to Prof. Munyon, 1,505 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pa., answered with free medical advice for any disease.

Philo Hunter of Elbing had one car of hogs on the market.

Joe Scott of Peck came up with one car

of hogs.

H. K. Eberly shipped up one car of catVertiser says: It is conceded that the Townsend & Gibbons of Andale were here

one car of hogs

COTTON.

New York, Dec. 30.-The cotton market opened quiet and firm with prices from 1 to 2 points higher on local coveding following favorable English cables and promise of comparatively small port receipts, and con-tinued to improve on fairly activecovering by January shorts, light Liverpool buying mission houses. At 11 o'clock the market was fairly active with a firm undertone Prices showed a net gain of 4 to 5 points Sales at that hour were 37,600 bales. A considerable portion of the forenoon business

to 10 cents higher for better grades. Sales were largely at \$1.156.4.90, common steers being purchased by dressed beef concerns at \$2.806.4.00, while choice to prime shipping and export cattlewere in quick demand at \$3.1064.50, and cows and bulls were artive at steady prices.

Calves were scarce and a littleh igher, choice lots selling at \$3.006.40. Texas cattle are arriving in fair numbers and slaughterers are receiving trains of the cattle from other markets.

Common steers and continent 701; forwarded 3.816; its two mines at Louisville, throwing besales none; stock 115.981. Total today, net receipts 23.701; exports to Great Britain at \$3.006.40. Texas cattle are arriving in fair numbers and slaughterers are received by the companies operating in northern companies operating in northern to the markets.

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Galveston, Tex., Dec. 30.-Cotton-Firm, middling 514. Liverpool, Dec. 30.-Cotton-Good business ione; prices higher; American middling 3% ce. Futures quiet but steady.

COFFEE AND SUGAR MARKET

New York, Dec. 31.—Coffee—Options op-ened quiet at 5815 points decline; ruled infee-Rio dull, No. 7 invoice Fac; No. 7 jobbing The; mild quiet; Cordova Shiffthe Sugar-Raw strong; refining 3%c; centrifugal % test %c. Refined strong Crush-ed 5%c; powdered 5.7-16c; granulated 5%c.

DRY GOODS MARKETS

New York, Dec. 30.-The market for dry goods is in the unsatisfactory condition which is always noted when inventories are progressing. Buyers have little time for Lamba 34.25(2.76); muttons 13.25(4.40).

Representative sales: Texas steers, 19
head, 1300 pounds, 54.15; Texas cows, 22
head, average 1605 pounds, 53.25; native
steers, 35 head, average 1405 pounds, 54.90;
native cows and heiders, 25 head, average
152 pounds, 54.00; stockers and feeders, 52
head, average 740 pounds, 54.80; bulls, 5
head, average 1504 pounds, 54.80; bulls, 5
head, average 1505 pounds, 54.80; bulls, 5
head, average 1506 pounds, 54.80; are said to have been 5,000 pieces for weekly delivery in March and April. The quotation of Die for extras still prevails, with few bids for early deliveries reported.

Wichita, Kan., Dec. 30. Local forecast for Wichits and vicinity-Friday fair; a little colder.
During the past 24 hours the highest tem peraturchas been 55, the lowest 34, and the mean 44, with partly cloudy weather, gentle south wird in the morning and fresh north

Thus far this month the average tem eraturehas been 72.
For the past nine years the average tem perature for the month of December has been 38 and for the 3th day, 35. FRED L. JOHNSON Observer.

The river is very low 8 of a foot on the

Washington, Dec. 20.-Forecast for Fri Oklahoma and Indian Territory-Fatt colder, northerly winds; fair Saturday.

Kansas Generally fair; northwest to You know what you went. Ask for it in the stores and take nothing else. Impolitic merchants sometimes offer unknown wares in place of those with an

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Astle & Son of Haven were here with GRAIN, PROVISIONS AND STOCKS Board of Trade Hall, Sedgwick Block

Wichita, Kansas, Long distance telephone 250. Orders by mail or telegraph promptly executed. of hogs.

Sykes Bros. of New Murdock were here Direct private wires to Chicago, New

Fourth National Bank, Wichita, Kan.

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PROTESTS OF LABOR ORGANIZA-TIONS BEAR PRUIT.

Caller That the Pennsylvanian Who Had Been Selected to Flit the Impend ing Vacancy on the Interstate Com. rce Commission Will Not Get the Job - "Truce" Between British Engis cers and Employers Extended-Strikes of Coal Miners and Others,

Chicago, Dec. 30 .- The News Washington special says; Senator Cullom's Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 20.-Edward J. one of his callers that he had rejuctantly given up his intention to nominate the Pennsylvania jurist. He referred to the opposition of labor to Paxson's confirmation and added that unless the cloud hovering over the Pennsylvania dead. The cause was heart failure. man is lifted the latter cannot hope for preferment.

BRITISH ENGINEERS. York, Eng., Dec. 30.-A largely sttended meeting of the members of empolyers' Federation today unaimously passed a resolution endorsing the action of its representatives at the recent conberence with the delegates of the striking engineers, relterating the opinion that it is impracticable to shorten the hours of labor, maintaining that the proposed arrangements for the management of the works in no way interfere with the proper functions of trades unions and acknowledging the receipt of the engineers' vote. The employes committee will write to the engineers' committee that the "truce is therefore exended.

MAINE COTTON MILLS. New York, Dec. 30 .- A dispatch from Lewiston, Me., to the Commercial Adcotton mills in Maine will fall into fine with the other New England mills early tions closed partly 14c net higher. May 114,634 15-16c: closed 344c.

Oats-Receipts 183,600 hushels: exports 123,463 hushels. Spot dull; No. 2, 254c. Options closed 14c net lower. May closed 25c.

Call'gernia dried fruits-Ouiet. Evaporate C Lisbon and the Barker mill in Auburn. the York corporation of Saxo, Laconia of Prince Bismarck have advised him to and the Pepperell mills and those at Biddleford will make a reduction, Twe've thousand employes will be affected.

A COMPORTABLE ADVANCE. Kittaning, Pa., Dec. 30.-An advance of 12 1-2 per cent in the wages has been granted to the employes of the Wick has issued an order prohibiting public China company and the men will go boxing exhibitions in the city. He said his back to work. COLORADO COAL STRIKE.

Denver, Col., Dec. 30.-As a result of he order issued by the executive committee of the Minters' Unions of Northern Colorado, calling upon the men to demand higher wages or strike, the Rex Coal Mining company has closed down Preparations are being made to call a mess meeting urging the executive committee to rescind its action. Many of the mone by the action of the Rex company claim that the action of the executive ommittee was unauthorized.

MARE ISLAND VETERANS. Washington, Dec. 30.-Lieutemant J. complaints that have come to the navy department from the veterans, who allege they have suffered from discrimination. The results of the inquiry have been embodied in a long report which has been submitted to Acting Secretary Roosevelt, but until he has an opportunity to go through it, nothing will be made public as to the conclusions and recommendations reached by Lleufen-

BEEN IDLE FOR YEARS. New Haven, Conn., Dec. 36-A syndicate has bought the two mills of the Norwich Woolen company at the village of Ambill in the town of Norwalk, Conn., and will re-open them for the manufacture of textile fabrics, giving ed that he wanted to fight no muce outemployment to 200 hands. The mills have been closed for several years.

EIGHT HOURS WORK AGAIN. Omaha, Neb., Dec. 30.-Notice swas posted at noon today in the Union Pa elfic shops, notifying all hands that after Monday next the full time of eight store. Don't let a wily salesman throw hours per day would be restored. About two weeks ago the time was cut to even hours per day. The order affects more than 1,000 mechanics of all kinds. NO AGREEMENT REACHED.

Pittsburg, Pa., Der. 10.-A meeting of coal operators interested in the move ment to establish uniform conditions | the coal industry is in session here to day. Under the original agreement 55 per cent of the operators were necessary to make it effective, but this was modified at a recent joint meeting of operators and miners by the latter promising to grant the signers of the agree nent 16 cents per ton differential. Secretary Johnson, of the uniformulty committee, reported today that fifty-two op erature, controlling eighty-two mines having a production of \$542.113 tone ou of 14,457,000 tone, have signed the agreement. Many operators favored putting the agreement into effect on January 1 but this was opposed by President De Amit of the New York and Cleveland Gas Coal company, who insisted that the 10 cents differential should first go into effect. After a lengthy discussion without reaching a nettlement the meating adjourned. No date was fixed for another meeting.

TO CUT FIFTY GOLD VEINS. Denver, Col., Dec. 30.-A deal has been losed by which work was resumed on the Moffatt-Bus's tunnel Ophelia at Cripple Creek, the largest enterprise in the district. The purchase is the Mines Intersection Syndicate, limited, of London. The former owners, David H. Moffatt, William Bush, Walter Cheesman and L. E. Campbell, however, still retain an interest. The amount of money paid by the London company is supposed to be about \$400,000. This does not cutimate the value of the enterprise by any means, being only the money necessary for completion. The tunnel is expected to cut about fifty wine.

LATEST CARNEGIE DEAL.

Daily by carrier 10 cents a week.

Mining company, owned and controlled by the Carnegie company, has secured controll of a newly developed from mine near Ely, Minn., on the Vermillion range, known as section twenty-six. It is believed in mining circles timt the Oliver company has received a 20-year lease and a royalty of 30 cents a ton

TELEGRAPHIC BRIEFLETS.

New York, Dec. 30.-The schedules in the assignment of George B. Moorhead & Co., chipping merchants, show: Liabilities, \$188,823; nominal assets \$61,756; actual assets \$209,994.

protest against the nomination of Judge Scranton, general manager of R. G. Dun Edward M. Paxson of Pennsylvania as & Co.'s mercantile agency in this city, interstate commerce commissioner has died suddenly today at his home in West borne fruit. Today the president told Philadelphia. Mr. Scranton was apparently in the best of health when he arose this morning, but when a servant went to his room to call him for breawfast, there was no response. The door was opened and Mr. Scranton was found

Finding, O., Dec. 30.-The dead bodies of Henry Behner, a boiler maker, aged 35, and Joseph Browneller, a tool dresser, aged 25, who had been missing since last Saturday night, were found today at the home of the former. The men had been sufficeated by coal gas, which escaped from a stove. Browneller accompanfed Behner to a dance on Saturday isst and it is supposed they went to Behner's afterward and retired for the night.

Baltimore, Md., Dec. 30.-Unitel States Judge Morris, ex-District Attorney Thomas G. Hayes and District Attorney William L. Marbury have declined to approve a petition asking President McKinley to pardon Henry Jones, one of the colored Navassa rioters, serving a life sentence in the Kings county penitentiary at Brooklyin, N. Y. The petition has about a thousand signatures.

Paris, Dec. 29.-M. Jakes Cambon, the new French ambassador to the United States, will sail for New York on Saturday.

New York, Dec. 30-Word was received at the office of George Gould today that Gould, gave birth to a son yesterday af

Berlin, Dec. 29.-It is asserted that ow-

New York, Dec. 29.-Professor Daniel L. Dowd, the strong man, died yesterday from ensumptions, hastened by an attack of the grippe, aged 45. He was known through out the country as a teacher of athletics. Chleago, Bl., Dec. 28.-Mayor Harrison

permission to hold six-round contests had

een abused and that fights are taking place in the city every night. George E. King, author of numerous religious works, is dead in San Francisco, He was born in New Ipswich, N. H. 86 years ago and was at one time a prom-

inent lawyer and capitalist in New York, The Ariesian Waterworks company of dameda, Cal., is considering the matter of bringing a cuit against the Alameda, Oakland and Piedmoet Electric Railway company to compel it to take steps to revent damage being done to the former's water pipes by electricity escaping from the rails.

Chicago, Dec. 30 .- "We shall pay no attention to it," said Martin Julian today, when asked what he and Fitz would do in regard to Cornetts' formal challenge of the champion.

Fitz himself refused to discuss the sub-

ject in accordance with his new plan of operations, which is to let Julian do all do," added Julian. "Hob did not want to re-enter the ring at all, but at last I concerns the employment of labor. Mr. persuaded him to promise to fight again on certain conditions. These were, as I explicitly stated, that he would consider fighting two men-Corbett and McCoy and that he should fight them only after Corbett had defeated Maher and af-

> out talking about himself, that he can while Filtralmenous. Conserning McCoy and Chaynski, Ju-

ter McCoy had defeated a man camed by

me. I have named Choynski for McCoy

to fight. Now Corbett may wear himself

"I am going to hold McCoy tothis promise that he would give Choyneki the next show at him. He cannot get out of it by saying that Choyneki must come down to 180 nounds, for he knows that Joe cannot do it.

Julian admitted that if McCoy imistside of the middleweight limit, he Guisian) might consent to name a middleweight. He said it will not be Walcott, but it will be Tommy Ryan. Stick to what you see advertised in the newspapers when you got to the

you off the track. You know what you want better than he does. Semething "just as good" will not answer. Stick to your point, and when you sak for goods advertised in this paper, you can get them.

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